Post Offices Gondal has received a letter dated 6-3-86 from Gondal Chamber of Commerce and Industry for opening of a sub-Post Officer in Gondal Udyog Nagar Area. No letter for opening of post offices in Gondal District appears to have been received however from Members of Parliament from Gujarat or from other VIPs.

(c) It has not been possible to open a sub-post office at Udyog Nagar because there is another post office at Gajrajpura at a distance of only 1 kilometer from Udyog Nagar area. According to the prescribed norms, in urban areas, no new post office is opened within 1.5 Km of an existing post office.

Communication policy

971. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to bring any communication policy;

(b) if so, what are the main outlines of the said policy; and

(c) by what time it will be finalised and announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have been considering to draft a National Communication Policy.

(b) and (c) The reduced 7th Plan outlay and the re-organisation of the structure of the Telecommunications service have necessitated a reconsideration whether a National Communication policy is possible at this stage.

Increase in the Telecommunication Tariffs

972. SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Secretary in the Ministry of Communications has recently stated in a Press Conference that Telecommunication Tariffs are going to be increased and that a report has been sent to the Government in that regard;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Secretary, Telecommunications had mentioned in a Press Conference that in view of the rising costs some upward adjustment in the Telecommunication Tariffs may become inevitable.

(b) and (c) Government has not taken any decision about increase in Telecommunication tariffs.

Irregular supply of Alcohol (Rectified Spirit)

973. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that irregular/non-supply of adequate quantity of Alcohol (Rectified Spirit) in West Bengal is causing serious crisis to Homoeopathic Medicine industry in the West Bengal.

(b) whether the Homoeopathic Medicine Industry as well as the workers and employees' Union of the Industry have drawn attention of Government to this crisis and have urged for immediate supply of alcohol so that the industry can survive; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken so far in the matter?